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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No.11-68457, filed March 15, 1999, Japanese Patent Application No. 11-119445, filed April 27, 1999, Japanese Patent Application No. 11-128196, filed May 10, 1999, Japanese Patent Application No. 11-151886, filed May 31, 1999, and Japanese Patent Application No. 11-151891, filed May 31, 1999, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

The priority document was received by the International Bureau on April 28, 2000. A copy of the Form PCT/IB/304 is of record in parent application No. 09/700,343.

Respectfully submitted,

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